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SUBJECT: LOS: TUNA TALKS WITH ECUADOR

1. BRIEF MEETING WAS HELD ON MAY 8 BETWEEN ECUADOREAN (AMB. VALENCIA, SR. AYALA) AND U.S. DELS (AMB. MOORE, AMB. CLINGAN, POLLOCK AND MARTIN) TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER BILATERAL OR REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS TOWARD REACHING COMMON APPROACH TO TUNA IN LOS FORUM AND INTERIM APPLICATION.

2. IT WAS AGREED INFORMAL CONTACTS WE HAVE HAD PRIOR TO AND DURING GENEVA SESSION HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING OF OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. IT WAS REGRETTED DIVERSE APPROACHES FROM MANY COUNTRIES AND GROUP PREVENTED FINDING COMMON SOLUTION
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IN EVENSEN GROUP. FURTHER IT WAS AGREED SOME TIME WOULD BE NEEDED

TO STUDY SINGLE TEXT PROVISION.

3. AYALA STATED WE SHOULD CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS KEEPING IN MIND GOE POSITION OF COASTAL STATE RIGHT TO CONTROL AND REGULATE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES (HMS). VALENCIA SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE WORTH-WHILE TO HAVE DISCUSSION INCLUDE OTHER INTERESTED STATES OF REGION. HE AGREED TO AMB. MOORE'S SUGGESTION WE SHOULD FIRST CONSIDER COMMON LOS TREATY PROVISION FOR HMS AND THEN CONSIDER WHETHER BASIS EXISTS FOR INTERIM APPLICATION. HIS PREFERENCE WAS FOR GREATER ELABORATION IN THE LOS PROVISION THAN IN THE LAST U.S. NEUTRAL DRAFT ARTICLE.

4. AYALA COMMENTED THAT IN AN INFORMAL REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP ECUADORIAN REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK FLEXIBLY WHILE AT SAME TIME IN CAPACITY OF GOE OFFICIALS. AYALA RESPONDING TO A QUESTION OF AMB. MOORE RE TIMING OF A REGIONAL MEETING SAID THE UNGA SESSION IN OCTOBER WOULD BE CONVENIENT.

5. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE U.S. SHOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH OTHER INTERESTED STATES AND ECUADOR WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS PROPOSAL WITH PERU AND CHILE. RETURNING TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AN LOS ARTICLE SHOULD BE GENERAL OR DETAILED, VALENCIA AND AYALA AGREED THAT THE GENERAL APPROACH HAD ADVANTAGES IF THE STATES OF THE REGION WERE IN PRIOR AGREEMENT AS TO DETAILED PROVISIONS WHICH BE ADOPTED IN THE REGION. FINALLY IT WAS AGREED WE WOULD STAY IN CONTACT ON PLANNING FOR A LATER MEETING.

7. COMMENT: ECUADOREANS CONTINUE TO REACT POSITIVELY TO OUR SUGGESTIONS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE AGREEMENT. THEY HAVE CLEARLY SIGNALLED THAT REGIONAL APPROACH WOULD ALLOW THEM GREATER FLEXIBILITY THAN WOULD BILATERAL AGREEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, ECUADOR STILL HAS IN MIND GREATER COASTAL STATE CONTROL OVER TUNA WITHIN 200-MILE ZONE THAN ACCEPTABLE. FURTHER, QUESTION WHETHER OTHER STATES CURRENTLY FISHING IN THE REGION UNDER IATTC AGREEMENT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WAS NOT DIRECTLY ADDRESSED. OUR POSITION IS THEY MUST BE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS BUT, TACTICALLY, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE MEXICO ARGUE THIS POINT WITH OTHER LATINS IF THEY WILLING TO DO SO. ABRAMS

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